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In re Application of	:	
Fabienne COEZ et al.	:	
Application No. 09/719,182	:	ON PETITION
Filed: February 15, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. PF980036	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 19, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 13, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 14, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a response to a non-final Office action; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of July 13, 2006 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Brian Sines at (571) 272-6051 or in his absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2621 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.



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